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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims** (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1           1. (Currently Amended) An engine valve lifter lifting tool for  
2     facilitating removal and installation of a camshaft of an internal  
3     combustion engine by clearing a valve lifter of the engine from the  
4     camshaft, said engine valve lifter lifting tool comprising:

5           a plate having an aperture;

6           an alignment tube coupled to said plate, said alignment tube  
7     being aligned with said aperture;

8           a rod, said rod being snugly inserted through said alignment  
9     tube to permit selective positioning of said rod within said  
10    alignment tube;

11          a magnet, said magnet being coupled to a bottom of said rod to  
12    engage the valve lifter to hold the valve lifter clear of the camshaft  
13    when said rod is in a raised position;

14          wherein said plate includes an attachment hole, said  
15    attachment hole being positioned on said plate such that said plate  
16    is adapted for being coupled to the engine by insertion of a bolt  
17    through said attachment hole and into a threaded opening in the  
18    engine.

1           2. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An engine valve lifter lifting  
2    ~~tool of claim 1, further~~ for facilitating removal and installation of a  
3    camshaft of an internal combustion engine by clearing a valve lifter  
4    of the engine from the camshaft, said engine valve lifter lifting  
5    tool, comprising:

6           a plate having an aperture;

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7        an alignment tube coupled to said plate, said alignment tube  
8        being aligned with said aperture;

9        a rod, said rod being snugly inserted through said alignment  
10       tube to permit selective positioning of said rod within said  
11       alignment tube;

12       a magnet, said magnet being coupled to a bottom of said rod to  
13       engage the valve lifter to hold the valve lifter clear of the camshaft  
14       when said rod is in a raised position;

15       a plunger assembly, said plunger assembly being coupled to  
16       said rod, said plunger assembly having a base portion extendable  
17       through said magnet to detach the lifter from said magnet upon  
18       utilization of said plunger assembly.

1       3. (Original) An engine valve lifter lifting tool for  
2       facilitating removal and installation of a camshaft of an internal  
3       combustion engine by clearing valve lifters of the engine from the  
4       camshaft, said engine valve lifter lifting tool comprising:

5       a plate having a plurality of apertures;

6       a plurality of alignment tubes coupled to said plate, each of  
7       said alignment tubes being aligned with an associated one of said  
8       plurality of apertures;

9       a plurality of rods, each of said rods being snugly inserted  
10       through a respective one of said alignment tubes to permit selective  
11       positioning of each rod within said respective one of said alignment  
12       tubes;

13       a plurality of magnets, each magnet being coupled to a bottom  
14       of an associated one of said rods to engage an associated one of the  
15       valve lifters to hold the valve lifter clear of the camshaft.

1       4. (Original) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of claim 3,  
2       further comprising:

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3 a plurality of plunger assemblies, each plunger assembly being  
4 coupled to an associated one of said rods, each plunger assembly  
5 having a base portion extendable through said magnet coupled to  
6 said bottom of said associated rod to detach the associated lifter  
7 from each said magnet upon utilization of each said plunger  
8 assembly.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of  
2 claim [[[1]]] 3, further comprising:

3 said plate including an attachment hole, said attachment hole  
4 being positioned on said plate such that said plate is adapted for  
5 being coupled to the engine by insertion of a bolt through said  
6 attachment hole and into a threaded opening in the engine.

1 6. (Original) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of claim 1  
2 wherein said rod is constructed of plastic.

1 7. (Original) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of claim 2  
2 wherein said base portion of said plunger assembly is constructed of  
3 brass.

1 8. (Original) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of claim 2  
2 wherein said plunger assembly includes a head portion and an  
3 elongated plunger portion extending from said head portion.

1 9. (Original) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of claim 8  
2 wherein said rod includes a lip positioned at a top of said rod for  
3 facilitating manipulation of said rod and said head portion  
4 simultaneously to move said base portion of said plunger assembly.

1 10. (Original) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of claim 1  
2 wherein said plate is plastic.

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1        11. (New) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of claim 3  
2 wherein each of said rods is constructed of plastic.

1        12. (New) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of claim 3  
2 wherein said plate is plastic.

1        13. (New) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of claim 1,  
2 further comprising:  
3        a plurality of plunger assemblies, each plunger assembly being  
4 coupled to an associated one of said rods, each plunger assembly  
5 having a base portion extendable through said magnet coupled to  
6 said bottom of said associated rod to detach the associated lifter  
7 from each said magnet upon utilization of each said plunger  
8 assembly.

1        14. (New) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of claim 1  
2 wherein said rod includes a lip positioned at a top of said rod for  
3 facilitating manipulation of said rod and said head portion  
4 simultaneously to move said base portion of said plunger assembly.

1        15. (New) The engine valve lifter lifting tool of claim 3  
2 wherein each of said rods includes a lip positioned at a top of said  
3 rod for facilitating manipulation of said rod and said head portion  
4 simultaneously to move said base portion of said plunger assembly.